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Directors: Mr. A. Walker (Chairman), Mr. T. B. Riley (Vice-Chairman), and Messrs. J. C. Taylor, J. Postlethwaite, J. Bowdler and H. Litchfield.

Team Manager-Coach: Mr. Bryn Goldswain.

RESIGNATION

The Hornets directors this week received the resignation of Mr. George Shanks as a director of the club. The resignation (for business reasons) was accepted.

TRANSFER PLEAS

During the week the board have also received three requests from players to be placed on the transfer list. The players are John Fishwick, Reg Bailey and Les Jones. This matter will be considered fully by the directors at their meeting next Monday evening.

IN WALES

Last week-end Mr. Bryn Goldswain, at the directors' request, visited South Wales "to follow up two or three contacts." The Hornets team manager-coach reported back to the directors during this week, and he and Mr. Jack Postlethwaite have made a trip this week-end to continue the approaches made to three players.

NEW HOOKER

At the time of writing the directors are hopeful of being able to sign a hooker in time for to-day's match. The urgency has been caused by a further injury of Bob Dagnall at Widnes last Saturday and the fact that Eddie Bowden has not yet resumed training.

"A" TEAM FAIL

Hornets "A" team disappointed in last Monday's Lancashire Combination Shield semi-final at Widnes, where they were outplayed. Appearing with the "A" team at the moment is Irwin Ashworth, who was this week signed from Spotland Rangers, the club with which Ralph Hilton ("A" team scrum-half) also played.

OUR OPPONENTS

Oldham quickly got over their shock defeat at the Athletic Grounds in the Law Cup competition and are now in something like their best form. A mid-week cup victory over Wigan takes them to the semi-finals of the Lancashire Cup Competition.

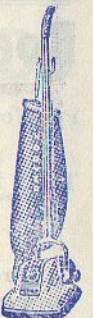
Reserve strength has enabled the Watersheddings Club to overcome quite a few knocks during the course of the season. Outhalf Kellett is one of the successes of the campaign so far, and we congratulate him on his county selection. Matters have been smoothed out with scrumhalf Frank Pitchford, who asked for transfer not long ago, and altogether there is again the "we-are-going-somewhere-this-season" look about the Watersheddings combination. Hornets, on the other hand, are still searching for their opening league win, and it will be the best tonic in the world if they can pull it off again to-day.

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2—Cracknell

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4—Noon

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GEOFF KELLY BENEFIT PRESENTATION

Next Thursday evening at the Wardleworth Conservative Club, the presentation of a cheque for more than £300 to Geoff Kelly will take place. This is the highest sum ever received by a Hornets player for a testimonial or benefit fund. It is very appropriate that this should be so in view of the fact that Geoff is very much a local boy and has always given of his best to the Hornets on the field of play. A very popular choice has been made of the gentleman who is to present the cheque—Mr. Fred Selway—for these two have been closely associated at the Athletic Grounds during the whole of Geoff's service to the club. The presentation will take place during a social evening at the Wardleworth Club, and we are most grateful to the Committee for their ready response to our request for them to organise the evening.

OUR NEW CHAIRMAN

The Hornets Supporters' Club have received loyal service from Mr. Alfred Crowther of 23 Adrian Terrace for many years, and his appointment as the Chairman of the Club for the 1958-1959 season is well earned. We look forward to a successful year under his chairmanship, and we extend our sincere thanks to Mr. J. F. Law for his splendid services in the chair during the past

year. We have been fortunate in having a choice down the years of men of character and integrity for a job of work which calls for organising ability, hard work and a pride of office. Mr. Dennis Cunningham is the new vice-chairman.

TWO FREE SEATS

The "Manchester Evening Chronicle" is presenting the holder of the lucky programme number today with two free stand tickets for the Hornets v. Wigan match on Saturday, October 4th. The winning number will be announced in the "Evening Chronicle." If you have the winning number, send it to: Sports Editor "Evening Chronicle," Kemsley House, Manchester 4.

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In this panel we print each week of the season the names of well-wishers who have contributed £1 to our funds as a donation. Our first £1 this term is from

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